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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

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Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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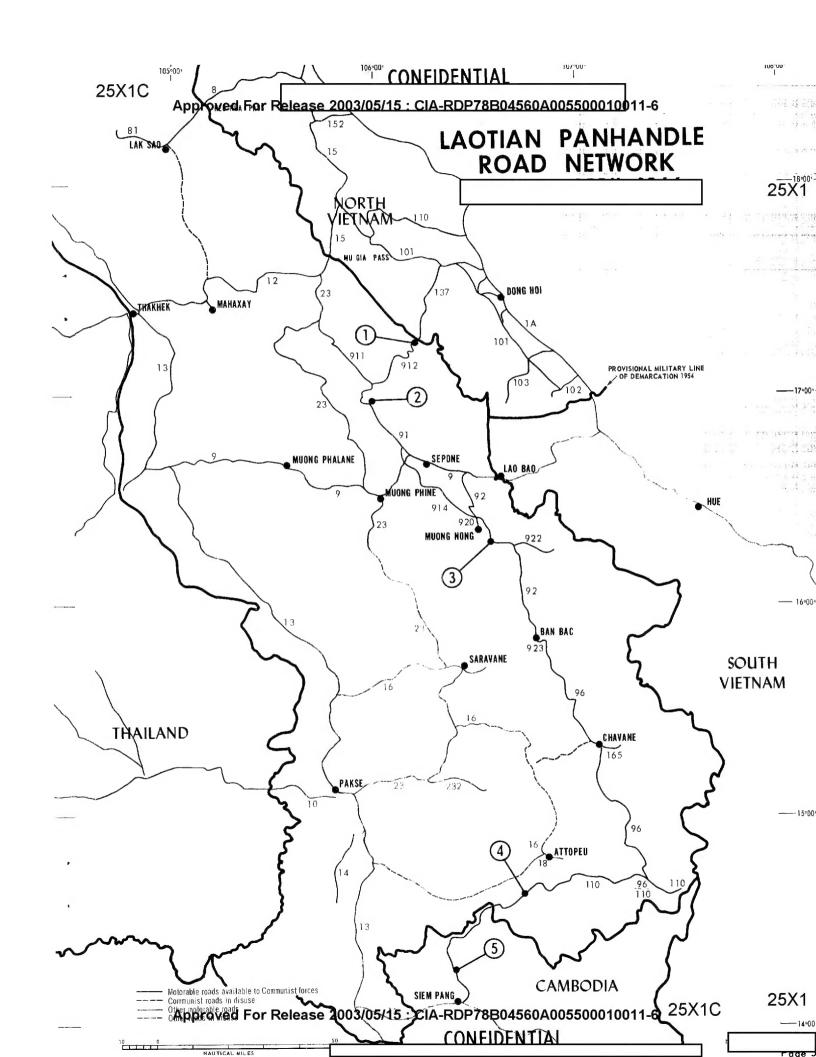
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1. Increased Military Activity on Route 912

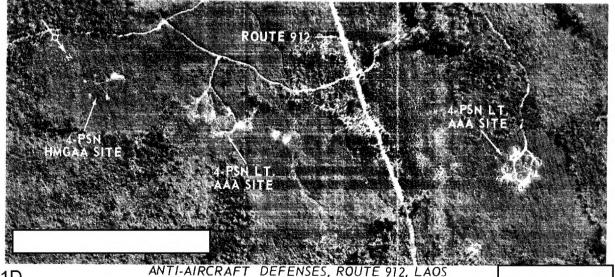
Increased military activity along the northeasternmost portion of Laos Route 912, in the vicinity of 17-14N 106-09E, apparently indicates an intent to utilize the new Route 912/137 road network as a major infiltration artery. Probable truck parks are on both sides of Route 912 at UTM XE215059. Anti-aircraft defenses in the immediate area include two 4-position light AAA sites and two 4-position HMGAA sites. A logging operation, probably for road corduroy material, is on the southeast side of the road at UTM XE244061; a small possible rock quarry is at the base of a karst hill at UTM XE224059. The following antiaircraft defenses are concentrated in this area: three 4-position light AAA sites, one 4-position HMGAA site, two 5-position AW/AA sites, and one 4-position AW/AA site.

An alternate road segment has been completed at 17-12N 106-09E, east of the trellised switchback on Route 912; however, there are presently no facilities for crossing the Nam Ta Le (river) and the road segment is not in use. A small personnel ferry with a guide rope is at UTM XE232023. Unidentified construction activity consisting of a short section of trellis and a few excavations is observed on the north bank of the river.

(Additional anti-aircraft defenses along Route 912 have been reported previously by NPIC.)

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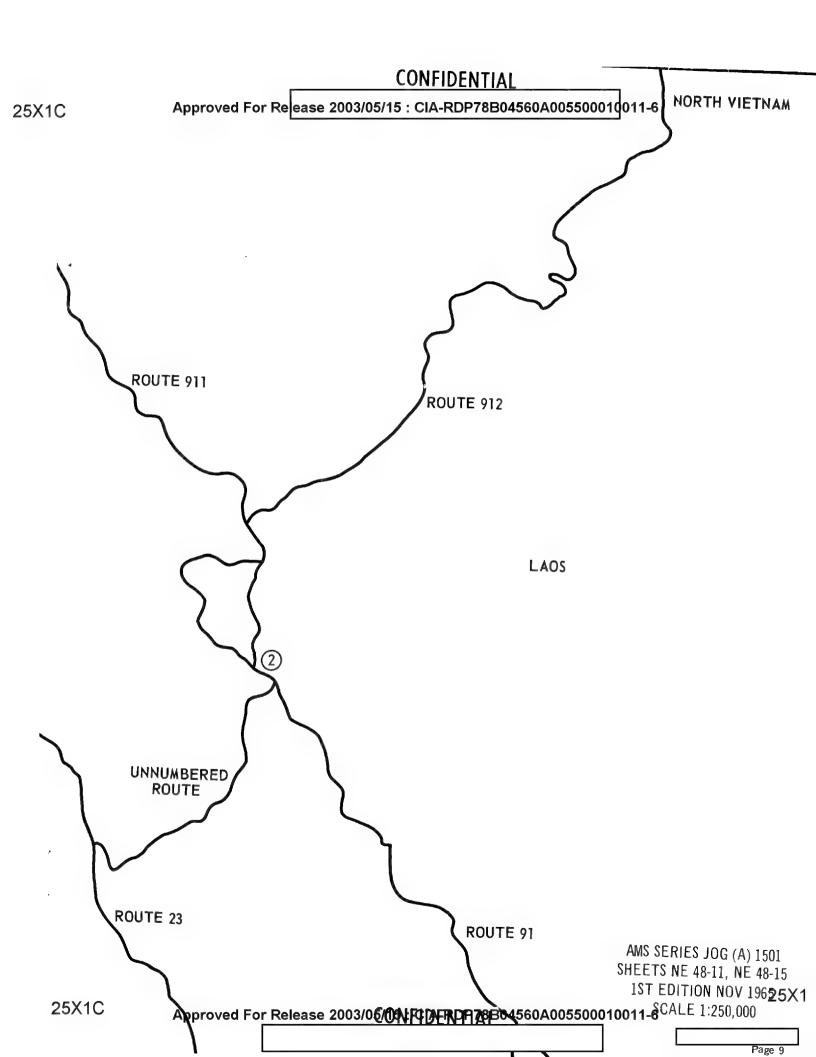
2. Alignment of Route 911 By-pass Complete

The alignment for the previously reported by-pass road, circumventing a segment of Laos Route 911, is now complete. Clearing operations for the new by-pass are observed from their previous terminus at UTM XDO26765 south to junction with Route 911 at UTM XDO26757.

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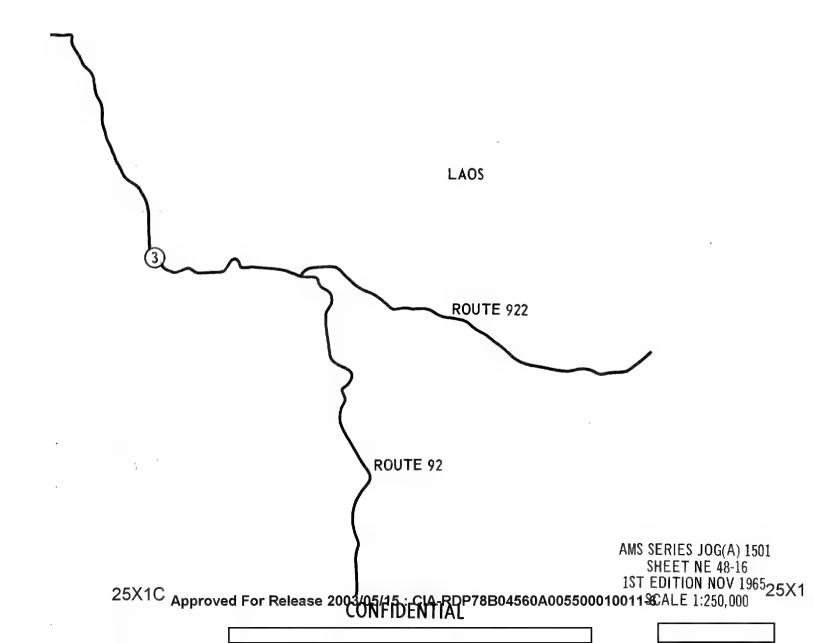


3. New By-pass and Ford on Route 92

A new by-pass is observed on Route 92 at 16-18N 166-34E. Vehicle tracks extend south from the route at UTM XD676032, to a new ford across the Houei Tang Heurr (stream) at UTM XD675031, continue south to UTM XD675030, then east on a previously existing road, rejoining Route 92 at UTM XD688026. Route 92 in the immediate area of the main ford at UTM XD676037 probably has only limited serviceability due to the effect of air strikes and recent rains in deteriorating the road and its embankments.

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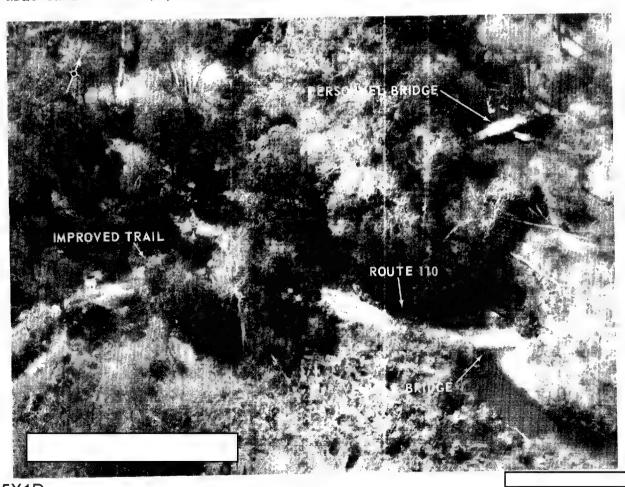


4. New Vehicle Bridge on Route 110

A new vehicle bridge is observed on Laos Route 110 across the Nam Kong (river) at UTM XB783169. It appears to have been hastily constructed and capable of sustaining only light vehicular traffic (see photo). Numerous personnel bridges are being maintained along the previously existing improved trail, which generally parallels Route 110. The ford at UTM XB848185 is unserviceable due to high water. Numerous corduroy road segments are observed along the road between 14-36N 106-40E and 14-43N 106-58E.

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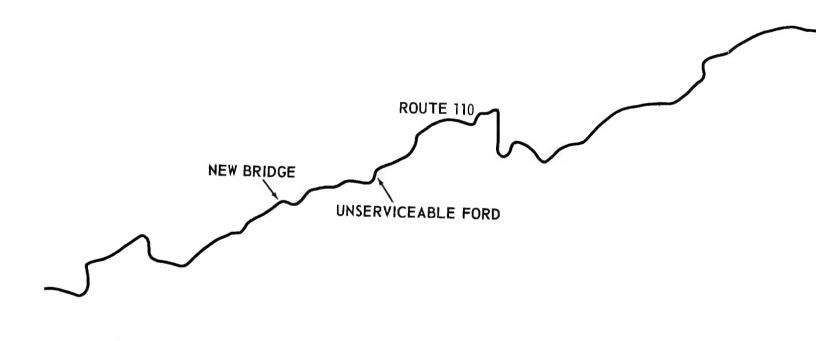
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5. Possible Transshipment Point on Tonle Kong (River)

A possible transshipment point consisting of at least two buildings is observed on the east bank of the Tonle Kong (river) at UTM XA478773. Numerous canoes are observed at the mouth of the small tributary emptying into the Tonle Kong at this point. A heavy tree canopy precludes observation of the Cambodian extension of Laos Route 110 and any access road which may exist between this route and the possible transshipment point. A total of twelve transshipment and transloading points have now been identified north of Siem Pang, Cambodia, along the portion of the Tonle Kong paralleling the Cambodian extension of Laos Route 110.

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